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MOMENTOUS CONTEST EXPECTED IN PAISLEY NOW THAT EX-PREMIER ASQUITH BECOMES CANDIDATE

Believed That His Return to House of Commons Would Find a Welcome Amongst Well Nigh Every Section—Asquith's Selection Not Without a Fight—Will be Opposed in Election by Labor Candidate to Whom is Conceded a Strong Following.

London, Jan. 22.—(Canadian Press)—Now that ex-Premier Asquith has been officially adopted as the Liberal candidate for Paisley it is generally conceded that the contest will be the most momentous since the general election. Asquith's return to the House of Commons would find a welcome amongst well nigh every section, particularly by those Liberals who are still persuaded that the expediencies of the moment require the maintenance of the coalition government.

Considering his prominence it is rather remarkable that Mr. Asquith had not remained so long outside. When Mr. Balfour, for instance, was defeated at Manchester, a perfectly safe seat was found him almost at once in the City of London. That such a course was not adopted in Mr. Asquith's case can only be ascribed to independent Liberalism possessing just now so few seats deemed absolutely secure.

Mr. Asquith's selection last night for Paisley, however, only became the unanimous choice of the local caucus after some hesitation. The caucus also had before them the name of J. C. Watson, advocate of Edinburgh, and a native of Paisley. Asquith secured a majority of 15 on the first vote, and the second vote gave him a unanimous adoption.

As already noted Mr. Asquith will not be officially opposed by coalition headquarters in London, but local Unionists are suspected of being strongly eager to bring out a candidate. J. M. Blyden, co-operative and labor candidate, has already opened his campaign, placing in the forefront of his programme a levy on capital. Although some Socialists oppose his candidature, he is certain of an almost solid labor vote. Paisley has great Liberal traditions. Sir John MacCallum, whose death caused the vacancy there, was elected a year ago by 100 majority. MacCallum did not hold a coalition coupon but consistently supported the government. The polling day has not yet been fixed.

In the meantime the Ashton by-election, caused by the election of Sir Albert Stanley to the peerage, promises a rather lively progress due, mainly, to the spiritiveness which Lady DeFrece, better known as Vesta Tilley, her noted vaudeville artist, is canvassing for her husband, Sir Walter DeFrece, coalition candidate. The National Federation of Discharged Soldiers have declined to support W. C. Robinson, laborite, because certain trade unions, notably the Engineers, are alleged to have declined to allow employment of disabled men. The soldiers' vote here may turn the election. It is understood that the women's vote, which is pretty heavy, will be split among all three candidates. Polling is fixed for January 31.

WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH CARRYING OUT OF COURT'S EDICT

Three Murderers Must Pay the Penalty of Their Crime at Montreal This Morning.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(Canadian Press)—After the close of this afternoon's meeting of the cabinet council, the Minister of Justice, Hon. C. J. Doherty, stated that he had no objection to the carrying out of the death sentence in the case of DeLorme, Allan and Laocoe, who are to be hanged at Montreal tomorrow. The Minister of Justice stated that the cabinet had given no consideration to the latest appeal for clemency, but felt that it was not in the interests of justice for them to interfere with the carrying out of the sentence of the court.

PICNICS BARRED FROM HAMILTON CEMETERY

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 22.—A cemetery does not seem to be the most enjoyable spot in the world to hold a picnic, yet the habit became so bad at Hamilton cemetery last year, with overflow picnic parties from Dundas Park that the board of managers has just made an order barring picnic parties from the grounds. Smoking is also prohibited. This order is not intended to interfere with workmen intended to be buried, but many mourners at funerals produce a pipe or cigarette while waiting for bodies to be interred.

AMERICANS KILLED IN CLASH WITH GENERAL SEMENOFF'S FORCES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Two United States soldiers were killed and one severely wounded in the clash with a Russian detachment of General Semenov's forces on January 10, near Posolskaya, while five Russians were killed, one wounded and fifty-five captured including one General and six other officers who still are held.

In reporting the clash to the war department today, Major General Graves, commanding the United States Expedition in Siberia, said the Russians, in an armed car, made an unprovoked attack on the Americans who were in a similar car. The Russian attack was repulsed and the Americans then captured the car and its occupants.

TUMULTUOUS SCENES OCCUR IN FRENCH CHAMBER WHEN CONFIDENCE VOTE IS ASKED

Significance of the Vote Taken Generally Interpreted That Millerand Cabinet Cannot Last as Now Constituted.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—All the 371 passengers on board the disabled army transport Powhatan have been transferred to the transport Northern Pacific and are on their way to New York. This news was received here tonight in wireless messages, confirming previous reports from Halifax. The transfer of the passengers was effected late today under good weather conditions and without any accident or curbing.

SIX ACCUSED OF BREAKING UP AND MELTING GOLD COINS

Testimony Showed That No Less Than 110,000 Sovereigns in Gold Were Withdrawn from Bank and Melted.

London, Jan. 22.—The taking of testimony was resumed today in the case of the six persons, including Harry Lewis, a barrister, and Shure and Chamberlain, diamond merchants who are charged with having broken up and melted gold coins. They were arrested on Thursday under a provision of the Defense of the Realm Act.

The testimony today tended to show that no less than 110,000 sovereigns in gold were withdrawn from the Bank of England in the course of the year by the accused. The total weight of the metal was 100 hundredweight. The lawyers on behalf of the crown asserted that the defendants had organized a remarkable system for securing coins, which were melted down and the gold sold. During December alone, it was charged, they disposed of bar gold worth 9,400 pounds sterling, while in the course of the month they succeeded in getting 26,000 sovereigns from the bank.

GUNMAN KILLS PATROLMAN AND MAKES ESCAPE

Boston Officer Killed Was Formerly of Montreal and Member of the Princess Pats.

Boston, Jan. 22.—The gunman who killed Patrolman Wm. G. Clancy, when the officer objected to his actions at a dance in the Charlestown district early today was still at large this afternoon. The police held 300 dancers, women and men for several hours examination, eventually detaining four men for further inquiry, but it was stated that they believed the man who shot the officer had escaped.

WINNIPEG PAPERS TO PUBLISH SMALL EDITION TODAY

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—The three daily newspapers have decided to resume publication tomorrow afternoon in order to relieve public anxiety for news of a reliable nature. What supplies of news print that arrived today have been pooled by the papers and each paper will issue a sheet large enough to give a fair resume of the events of the past and today for the first time since last Friday afternoon.

CONGRESS HAS ITS TROUBLES OVER LIQUOR QUESTION

Amendment to the National Prohibition Law Proposed to Allow Beers and Light Wines.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Amendment of the National Prohibition Law so as to permit the manufacture and sale of beer, ale and porter of three percent alcoholic content, and wine of nine percent, was proposed today in a bill introduced by Representative Sabath of Illinois.

Representative Sabath today introduced a resolution declaring that whiskey is needed as a cure for influenza, which is alarmingly increasing, and proposing dispensation for the manufacture and sale of whiskey in quantities not exceeding one quart per person, and reports from druggists, doctors, and others as to the use of liquor for medical purposes.

HUNGARIAN FOOD STOCKS AT LOWEST POINT YET RECORDED

London, Jan. 22.—Diplomatic advice from Budapest state that the Hungarian food stocks are at the lowest point yet recorded and that persons who have succumbed to starvation are being picked up in the streets. There was a collision of troops and workmen on January 14, but the advice state that it was not serious.

MORAL DEFEAT FOR NEW GOVERNMENT

Storm Scene Rises Over Appointment of M. Steeg to Ministry of Interior—Attack Launched by Editor.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Amid tumultuous scenes in the Chamber of Deputies today the recently formed Cabinet of Premier Alexandre Millerand received a moral defeat, 372 to 23. The vote was considered a moral defeat for the Government, however, as more than three hundred deputies abstained from voting.

FERGUSON DEFENDS COLONIZATION SCHEME OF THE HEARST GOVT

Replies to Criticisms of Member of Drury Government Who Had Characterized the Plan as Foolhardy.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines in the Hearst Government, today defended the late Government's scheme of establishing a soldier colony at Kapuskasing and replied to the adverse report on the conditions at Kapuskasing which was presented yesterday to the Drury Government by Lieut. Col. Hon. H. D. Carmichael, Minister without portfolio. Hon. Mr. Ferguson said Colonel Carmichael obviously did not know anything about pioneer conditions, and Kapuskasing, which Colonel Carmichael seemed to regard as a frozen barren waste, was in fact a fine agricultural area, the finest potatoes grown anywhere on the North American continent were grown in Northern Ontario, Mr. Ferguson said.

OVERSEAS MORTUARY ASSN. PLANS ARE NOT FAVORED

Toronto Organization's Plan to Bring Back Canadian Dead in France Gets Cold Reception in Official Circles.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The plan of the Overseas Mortuary Association, a Toronto organization of undertakers, which is advertising for commissions to bring back and re-inter in Canada the bodies of the Canadian war dead, is not received in official circles here as being feasible or desirable. No permission, it was pointed out at the Militia Department today, has ever been granted for the removal of bodies from the theatre of war. It has been sought in a number of cases but not allowed. Not the Canadian or British governments, but only the governments of France and Belgium could permit it, and having refused so far it is believed they will not reverse their decision.

CARLETON COUNCIL VOTES MONUMENT TO SOLDIERS

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Jan. 22.—The County Council decided today to erect a Soldiers' Monument at a cost of \$5,700. Councillors Anderson, Tompkins and Gallagher were appointed a committee to arrange with Mr. Farbox, the contractor, who was present, all the details, the monument to be completed before the June session.

FEW APPLICANTS AMONG IMPERIALS FOR THE GRATUITY

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(Canadian Press)—It is stated by the Militia Department that applications for war service gratuity by ex-members of the Imperial forces, who come within the provisions of the order in council passed on December 4, 1919, following the receipt of the special committee of the House of Commons are coming in very slowly. Only 5,008 applications have been received, whereas it is estimated that there must be approximately 100,000 men entitled to the gratuity. It is pointed out that, under the regulations, all ex-members of His Majesty's forces, who were bona fide residents in Canada at the outbreak of the war, and who returned to Canada after departing from such forces, and who are bona fide residents in Canada at the date of application, are entitled to war service gratuity in varying amounts according to the amount of gratuity already paid, or to be paid to them by the imperial authorities.

GOVT SETTLES FOR TWO MILLION DOLLARS CLAIM OF SIR CHARLES ROSS FOR RIFLE FACTORY

Experts Brought Into Case by Both Parties to Suit Placed Valuation on Plant and Equipment Far in Excess of Settlement Price—Sir Charles Agreed to Accept Gov't Award in View of a Quick and Final Settlement, Claiming He is Receiving But Half the Value of the Plant.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22.—The government, acting on the advice of its counsel, Messrs. Tilley and Meredith, of Toronto, has finally settled for two million dollars the claim of Sir Charles Ross for compensation for the expropriation of his rifle factory and plant at Quebec, under the War Measures Act in March of 1917.

The case was pending in the Exchequer Court and was to have come up for hearing this coming spring, the court's award being limited to a maximum of three million dollars, according to the terms of the order-in-council granting the fiat. Sir Charles Ross, though advised by his counsel that the full amount allowed by the limitations of the order-in-council could be secured from the court, agreed to waive and accept the two million cheque was paid over to him today.

ROWELL REPLIES TO HARANGUE OF U. S. SENATORS

Thinks Canada Was as Free as Any Other Nation to Voice Its Views at Council of League.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. N. W. Rowell, speaking tonight before the McGill University Club, gave an emphatic reply to the objections of the Canadian and other British Senators to the League of Nations. He pointed out that Canada had won a position as practically an independent nation, although still part of the Commonwealth of Nations that made up the British Empire. Hence, Canada was as free as any other nation to voice its views at the council of the League of Nations, and would even disagree with Great Britain if such a course seemed proper to her.

RESTAURANTEURS OF TORONTO HIT THE HIGH SPOTS

Complaints Lodged With Board of Control Over Excessive Prices—Municipal Cafeteria Suggested.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Controller Cameron suggested at a meeting of the Board of Control today, when the high prices charged in the restaurants were being discussed, that the city should start a cafeteria in the City Hall for civic employees. A communication from Major Duncan, local representative of the board, was received, stating that if the city would name a representative, the representative would be given authority to cooperate with the board in investigating restaurant prices in this city, which was considered as long length by the board, which had decided to confer with Major Duncan on the matter.

MILITARY MOVES KEEP BRITISH PUBLIC GUESSING

Cancellation of Original Order Sends Troop Into Plebiscite Area Has Caused Some Discussion.

London, Jan. 22.—Some of the newspapers gave great prominence to the cancellation of the original order sending British troops into the plebiscite areas in Silesian East Prussia and Schleswig. Eleven battalions and a brigade of artillery were scheduled for plebiscite duty, but it was officially announced yesterday, without a reason being given, that it was found necessary to modify the arrangement. Under the new plan only one battalion will go to Schleswig, another to Danzig, and still another to Allenstein. Speculation is rife as to the destination of other battalions.

TUG COLLIDES WITH CASSANDRA

With Full Speed Ahead Tug Crashes Into Big Liner, Opening up Deck Seams.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22.—(By Canadian Press)—The Anchor Donaldson liner Cassandra was damaged in collision with the tug F. W. Roehling in Halifax harbor this afternoon. The tug was about to assist the liner in docking, but the captain of the tug ordered full speed ahead, which was mistaken in the engine room for full speed ahead. The tug rammed the port bow of the Cassandra, making a hole above the water line. The impact was so heavy the crew of the tug were thrown off their feet. Several of the seams on the deck were opened.

DEATHS FROM PNEUMONIA IN CHICAGO INCREASED 100 PER CENT. THURSDAY

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—The influenza-pneumonia situation in Chicago continued today near its high level. For the twenty-four hours ending at six o'clock, 2,086 new cases of influenza were reported to Health Commissioner Robertson. The total in the preceding day on the same basis was 2,008. New cases of pneumonia jumped from 181 to 361. Deaths from the "flu" increased nearly fifty per cent while pneumonia deaths increased one hundred per cent. There were 26 deaths from influenza reported today. New deaths from pneumonia totalled 42. Health Commissioner Robertson renewed his contention that the cases are of a mild nature.